GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT DROUGHT SITUATION IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various parts of the Assam which was hit by devastating floods during last year, have been hit by drought or unusually low rains during current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposals submitted by the State Government of Assam for seeking central assistance to provide relief to farmers including fish farmers and extent of amount sought; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to(c) As reported by India Meteorological Department (IMD), during South-West Monsoon 2007 (1.6.2007 to 30.9.2007),Assam received 1494.1 mm of rainfall against normal average rainfall of 1434.1 mm.According to IMD's report,no Meteorological district in the State received deficient rainfall during South-West Monsoon 2007.

During 2007-08, the Government of Assam neither reported any drought/drought−like situation in any part of the State nor submitted any memorandum for assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for drought relief.